

REMARKS

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 11, 2003, applicant hereby makes the following response. Claims 1-8 and 10-28 have been canceled. Amended Claim 9 is pending. Claims 9, 11 and 12 are rejected. Claims 9, 11, 12 and 15-28 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 9, 11, and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), as being allegedly anticipated by *Kuroda et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,479,138). Claim 9 has been amended to further define the structure of the invention.

Claim 9 requires a circuit device comprising a dielectric substrate, at least one conductive pattern formed in the dielectric substrate, and first and second earthed conductors, wherein the first earthed conductor is connected with the second earthed conductor. Applicant respectfully notes that the *Kuroda et al.* reference does not teach a circuit device having first and second earthed conductors, wherein the first earthed conductor is *connected* with the second earthed conductor. Applicant respectfully submit that the *Kuroda et al.* reference does not anticipate amended Claim 9 of the present invention for at least these reasons.

CONCLUSION


The Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection and believes that the Claims as presented represent allowable subject matter. However, if the Examiner desires, the Applicant's attorney is ready for a telephone interview to expedite prosecution. As always, the Examiner is free to call the undersigned at 312-876-3427.

Respectfully submitted,

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